CHAPTER 331

(Senate Bill 411)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Injuries Compensation Act - Eligibility for Awards

FOR the purpose of including within those persons eligible for awards pursuant to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act, any person injured or killed while giving aid and assistance to a law enforcement officer in the performance of his lawful duties or to a member of a fire department being obstructed from performing his lawful duties.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act Section 5(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 5(a) of Article 26A — Criminal Injuries Compensation Act, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

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- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the following persons shall be eligible for awards pursuant to this article.
 - (1) A victim of a crime;
- (2) A surviving spouse or child of a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of such crime; and
- (3) Any other person dependent for his principal support upon a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of such crime.